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Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Gentile of Sudbury and Robinson of Framingham) congratulating Alex Ho Jin Genovese on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Alex
Ho Jin
Genovese.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Gentile of Sudbury, Robinson of Framingham and Gregoire of Marlborough) congratulating Liam Neal-Reilly on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Liam
Neal-Reilly.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Gentile of Sudbury and Robinson of Framingham) congratulating Michael Neenan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Michael
Neenan.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham) congratulating Justin Sean O'Brien on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Justin
O'Brien.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) honoring Rabbi Daniel H. Liben for thirty years as the spiritual leader for Temple Israel of Natick; and

Daniel
Liben.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Hagen Maximillian Lustig on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Hagan
Lustig.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed this day by Mrs. Campbell of Methuen) was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, the clerks of the House or Representatives and the Senate be authorized to receive the final report of the joint oversight committee (established under House order No. 4835 of the 191st General Court) to make an investigation and study of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke COVID-19 outbreak, said report having been due on March 31, 2021.

Holyoke
Soldiers' Home
COVID-19
outbreak,—
final report.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Representatives Ultrino of Malden and Donato of Medford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3828) of Steven Ultrino and Paul J. Donato (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the preparation of certain bilingual ballots in the city of Malden; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Malden,—
bilingual
ballots.

Additional Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3829) of John Barrett, III and others relative to the oversight of cable contracts.

Cable
contracts.

By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3830) of David F. DeCoste, Steven G. Xiarhos and Marcos A. Devers relative to prohibiting social media platforms from removing political candidates for public office in response to political statements made by candidates.

Social media,—
political
candidates.

Severally to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3831) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Tisbury be authorized to convert licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Tisbury,—
liquor
licenses.

By Ms. Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3832) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to sports wagering. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Sports
wagering.

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3833) of Shawn Dooley and others for legislation to further regulate elections and voting. To the committee on Election Laws.

Elections,—
regulation.

By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3834) of David F. DeCoste and others relative to scenic rivers.

Scenic
rivers.

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3835) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to coastal and environmental acidification and nutrient pollution.

Acidification.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3836) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to prohibiting disposal by incineration of certain aqueous film-forming foam.

Aqueous film-
forming foam.

By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3837) of Sheila C. Harrington relative to liability for release of hazardous materials.

Hazardous
materials.

Severally to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

<p>By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3838) of Joan Meschino for legislation to create and implement a flexible housing subsidy pool program to address the medically complex needs of disabled men, women and children experiencing homelessness. To the committee on Housing.</p>	Homelessness.
<p>By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3839) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative to protecting buyers from unknowingly purchasing property in flood zones.</p>	Flood zones.
<p>By Representatives Ramos of Springfield and González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 3840) of Orlando Ramos, Carlos González and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require reappointment of judges every five years.</p>	Judges,— reappointment.
<p>By Ms. Sullivan of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3841) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others for legislation to establish a permanent commission (including members of the General Court) to study the service standards for sexual assault and domestic violence service providers.</p>	Sexual assault and domestic violence.
<p>By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3842) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to statewide standards for sexual assault and domestic violence service providers.</p>	Sexual assault,— standards.
<p>Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.</p>	
<p>By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3843) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to workplace bullying, mobbing and harassment. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.</p>	Workplace bullying.
<p>By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3844) of Carole A. Fiola for legislation to update subdivision laws. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.</p>	Subdivision laws.
<p>By Mrs. LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3845) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and others relative to the well-being of law enforcement officers after involvement in critical incidents.</p>	Police, etc.,— critical incidents.
<p>By Ms. Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3846) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to establishing a voluntary do not sell firearms list.</p>	Firearms,— voluntary do not sell.
<p>By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3847) of Chynah Tyler relative to prohibiting interstate trafficking of illegal firearms.</p>	Firearms,— trafficking.
<p>Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.</p>	
<p>By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3848) of Claire D. Cronin and Mathew J. Muratore for legislation to further regulate the retirement rights of certain employees of Plymouth County. To the committee on Public Service.</p>	Plymouth County,— retirement.
<p>By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3849) of Sheila C. Harrington relative to contractor liability for unpermitted construction. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.</p>	Unpermitted construction.
<p>By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3850) of Tami L. Gouveia, Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to providing a net zero pathway for both residential and commercial new construction and major renovations to be designed to ensure that buildings are highly energy efficient. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.</p>	Energy,— net zero pathway.
<p>By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3851) of Josh S. Cutler and Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to inspection station licenses. To the committee on Transportation.</p>	Inspection station licenses.
<p>Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.</p>	

Paper from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to establish the Massachusetts medal of fidelity (Senate, No. 2462), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Medal of fidelity.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Sarah K. Peake relative to the creation of a shellfish advisory panel (including members of the General Court) within the Division of Marine Fisheries. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Shellfish advisory panel.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 3773, reported, in part, a Bill relative to transferring federal funds to the federal COVID-19 response fund (House, No. 3827). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

COVID-19 response fund.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to Chapter 181 of the Acts of 2020 (House, No. 303) [Local Approval Received];

Westford,—
liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises (House, No. 387) [Local Approval Received];

Maynard,—
liquor license.

To grant additional liquor licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in Concord (House, No. 3712) [Local Approval Received];

Concord,—
liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Somerset to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 3811) [Local Approval Received];

Somerset,—
liquor licenses.

Providing for alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Dunstable (House, No. 3812) [Local Approval Received]; and

Dunstable,—
liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Jaxx Country Variety (House, No. 3813) [Local Approval Received];

Lunenburg,—
liquor license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 57, a Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3852). Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Municipal roads and bridges.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2666, a Bill directing the State Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Cheryl A. Bednarik (House, No. 3853). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cheryl Bednarik.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting all positions in the police department and fire department of the town of Swampscott from the civil service law (House, No. 93) [Local Approval Received].

Swampscott,—
civil service exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the abolishment of the board of police in the city of Fall River (House, No. 2645) [Local Approval Received].

Fall River,—
board of police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the abolishment of the board of fire commissioners in the city of Fall River (House, No. 2646) [Local Approval Received].

Fall River,—
board of fire commissioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city council, and school committee in the city of Revere (House, No. 2654) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—
residency requirements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Clinton to continue the employment of police chief Mark R. Laverdure (House, No. 2704) [Local Approval Received].

Clinton,—
Mark Laverdure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers (House, No. 2714) [Local Approval Received].

Wakefield,—
special police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to allow elected officers in the town of Lee to serve on the Board of Public Works (House, No. 2757) [Local Approval Received].

Lee,—
public works.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Ware Fire Department (House, No. 2774) [Local Approval Received].

Ware Fire Department.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Fairhaven Fire Department (House, No. 2782) [Local Approval Received].

Fairhaven Fire Department.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2563, a Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of fire department member Gary Stone (House, No. 3854) [Local Approval Received].

Whately,—
Gary Stone.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2564, a Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of fire department member William Smith (House, No. 3855) [Local Approval Received].

Whately,—
William Smith.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2758, a Bill authorizing the town of Sandisfield to continue the employment of employees subject to mandatory retirement (House, No. 3856) [Local Approval Received].

Sandisfield,—
employment.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Linda R. Berube, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3769), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Linda
Berube,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of developmental services, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3769, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at ten minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eleven minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.